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1. (previously presented) Wetting vessel for a paint brush, comprising:

a first element made of absorbent material intended to be saturated in its lower part with wetting liquid, wherein said first element comprises means for decantation of pigments contained in said wetting liquid; and

means for drying the paint brush comprising a second element made of absorbent material arranged in a housing forming a sieve above a liquid reception vessel.

2. (previously presented) Wetting vessel according to claim 1, characterized in that the decantation means comprise decantation studs arranged, in a projecting fashion, in the base of the vessel and on which rests said first element made of absorbent material.

3. (previously presented) Wetting vessel according to claim 1, characterized in that the first element is made of an absorbent and filtering material.

4. (cancelled).

5. (previously presented) Wetting vessel according to claim 1, characterized by means for connecting the reception vessel to a wetting liquid vessel holding the first element.

6. (previously presented) Wetting vessel according to claim 5, further comprising a single vessel containing the first and second elements and having a base equipped with decantation studs and a lid divided into an open compartment above said decantation studs and a compartment including said sieve.

7. (previously presented) Wetting vessel according to claim 6, characterized in that the open compartment of the lid beside the decantation studs comprises an inner skirt defining a housing for the first element, the lower end of said skirt being flush with the level of said decantation studs.

8. (previously presented) Paint box comprising a wetting vessel according to claim 1 and a series of paint blocks arranged side by side so as to provide, in a projecting fashion, a paint surface comprising a common take-up surface for a paint brush.

9. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 8, characterized by two lateral stops flanking said series of paint blocks so as to define a paint take-up channel.

10. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 8, characterized in that the paint blocks are interchangeable so as to define a take-up channel which can be composed of a different series of colours.

11. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 10, characterized in that each paint block is mounted on a support comprising fastening means which are able to cooperate with complementary fastening means arranged in said box, all of the supports and fastening means being identical so as to allow interchangeability of said paint blocks.

12. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 9, characterized in that one of the stops is interchangeable with one of the paint blocks so as to define a smaller take-up channel, said stop being mounted on a support comprising fastening means similar to fastening means of the paint blocks so as to allow interchangeability between said stop and any one of the paint blocks.

13. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 11, characterized in that some of the fastening means are grooves and slides.

14. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 11, characterized in that some of the fastening means are locking means.

15. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 11, characterized in that at least some of the supports comprise:

- an extended base plate equipped with means for holding a corresponding one of the paint blocks or a detachable lateral stop;

- a gripping tab arranged at one of the ends of said base plate; and

- a corresponding one of the fastening means with the paint box projecting under said base plate.

16. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 15, characterized in that the fastening means comprise a groove, the two opposite lateral surfaces of which, at the gripping tab end of the base plate, widen into an arc so as to form a stop with rounded walls.

17. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 16, characterized in that the complementary fastening means arranged in said box comprise a slide having an introductory portion, a portion with parallel lateral walls, a portion with lateral walls widened into an arc forming a seat for the stop and

a base portion with parallel lateral walls adjusted to the width of the groove.

18. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 8, characterized in that it comprises a set of paint brushes, each paint brush comprising an application spatula covered with an absorbent material intended to take up paint and having approximately the width of a take-up channel.

19. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 8, characterized in that it comprises an additional paint brush with an application spatula which is able to take up paint from a single paint block.

20. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 8, characterized by a plate produced all in one block by moulding, comprising close to a front edge an area intended for the paint blocks, a paint take-up channel extending approximately perpendicular to said front edge, the wetting vessel being situated behind a paint area opposite said front edge.

21. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 8, characterized by a paint brush made of two parts, a first part forming an application spatula made of absorbent material, one extended edge of which spatula serves to take up paint and a

second part constituted by the handle of the paint brush having at one of its ends a fastener with a continuous U-shaped section, extending in a plane of the handle and transversally, intended to firmly grip the edge of said spatula opposite the paint take-up edge.

22. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 21, characterized in that the two parts can be separated.

23. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 21, characterized in that the first part forming the application spatula is constituted by a core made of rigid material surrounded by a strip of absorbent material with a U-shaped section, the edge corresponding to a bend constituting the paint take-up edge.

24. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 23, characterized in that the rigid material defines a core that has, on the side opposite said take-up edge, a back edge which is thicker, intended to be inserted laterally into the element of the U-section, the element of the U-section having a base with a shape which complements said thicker edge so that the applicator part cannot be released along the axis of the handle.

25. (previously presented) Paint box according to claim 21, characterized in that the fastener is a clamp.